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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/523,237
Filing Date	March 10, 2000
First Named Inventor	BECKER et al.
Group Art Unit	1635
Examiner Name	Lacourciere, K.
Attorney Docket Number	GP068-03.CN1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Fee Transmittal for FY 2003 (1 p. in duplicate, 2 p. total)
 - ii. Amendment (3 p.)
 - iii. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 p.), Form PTO/SB/08 (2 p. in duplicate, 4 p. total)
 - iv. Other Copies of 15 Cited References (308 p.)

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 01/27/2003 AHONDAF1 00000045 070835 09523237
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 750.00 CH
 - iii. Other 02 FC:1202 18.00 CH
- b. Check in the amount of \$_____ enclosed
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Signature		Date	January 20, 2003

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)
768.00

Complete if Known

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 750	2001 375			Utility filing fee	
1002 330	2002 165			Design filing fee	
1003 520	2003 260			Plant filing fee	
1004 750	2004 375			Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80			Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)		0			

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

	Claims Pending	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	55	-54** =	1	x 18 =	18
Independent Claims	4	- 4** =	0	x 84 =	0
Multiple Dependent					

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
1202 18	2202 9		Claims in excess of 20
1201 84	2201 42		Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 280	2203 140		Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 84	2204 42		** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9		** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)		18	

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65			Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25			Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130			Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520			For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*			Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*			Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55			Extension for reply within first month	
1252 410	2252 205			Extension for reply within second month	
1253 930	2253 465			Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,450	2254 725			Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 1,970	2255 985			Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 320	2401 160			Notice of Appeal	
1402 320	2402 160			Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 280	2403 140			Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510			Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55			Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,300	2453 650			Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,300	2501 650			Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 470	2502 235			Design issue fee	
1503 630	2503 315			Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130			Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50			Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180			Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40			Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 750	2809 375			Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 750	2810 375			For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 750	2801 375			Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	750
1802 900	1802 900			Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) **Statutory Disclaimer 37 CFR § 1.20(d)**

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SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)

750

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